

member in the performance of the duties of the Task Force.

“(L) STAFF AND FUNDING.—

“(i) DETERMINATION.—The Chairperson of the Task Force shall determine the level of staff and funding that are adequate to carry out the activities of the Task Force.

“(ii) SOURCE.—The staff and funding shall be provided by and drawn equally from the resources of—

“(I) the Department of Energy;

“(II) the Department of Defense; and

“(III) the Environmental Protection Agency.

“(iii) APPOINTMENT OF STAFF.—The Chairperson may, without regard to the civil service laws (including regulations), appoint and terminate such staff as are necessary to enable the Task Force to perform the duties of the Task Force.

“(iv) COMPENSATION.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subclause (II), the Chairperson may fix the compensation of the staff of the Task Force that are not officers or employees of the Federal Government without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, relating to classification of positions and General Schedule pay rates.

“(II) MAXIMUM RATE OF PAY.—The rate of pay for the staff shall not exceed the rate payable for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of title 5, United States Code.

“(v) DETAIL OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—An employee of the Federal Government may be detailed to the Task Force without reimbursement.

“(II) CIVIL SERVICE STATUS.—The detail of the employee shall be without interruption or loss of civil service status or privilege.

“(vi) PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTERMITTENT SERVICES.—The Chairperson of the Task Force may procure for the purposes of the Task Force temporary and intermittent services in accordance with section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, at rates for individuals that do not exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of that title.

“(M) TERMINATION OF TASK FORCE.—The Task Force shall terminate on the date that is 90 days after the date on which the Task Force submits the report required under subparagraph (F)(i).

“(N) NO EFFECT ON OTHER LAW.—Nothing in this paragraph affects the regulation of mercury under—

“(i) any other provision of this subtitle; or

“(ii) any other law.

“(2) RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR SAFE MANAGEMENT AND STORAGE OF MERCURY.—In consultation with the Task Force, the Administrator shall—

“(A)(i) purchase or otherwise take title to the mercury collected under the thermometer exchange program established under subsection (b), or collected from any other source;

“(ii) manage (or designate a contractor to manage) the mercury collected in a manner that ensures that the mercury collected is not released into the environment;

“(iii) ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that the mercury collected under the thermometer exchange program established under subsection (b), or an equivalent quantity of mercury, is not reintroduced into commerce; and

“(iv) provide to the Task Force, for inclusion in the report of the Task Force under paragraph (1)(F)(i), an analysis of, and recommendations relating to, the mercury collection and management activities carried out under this section; and

“(B)(i) identify potential mercury stabilization technologies and long-term storage measures that ensure minimal release of mercury into the environment; and

“(ii) conduct such research, development, and demonstration of the technologies and measures as the Administrator determines to be appropriate.

“(d) RELATION TO OTHER LAW.—Nothing in this section—

“(1) precludes any State from imposing any additional requirement; or

“(2) diminishes any obligation, liability, or other responsibility under other Federal law.

“(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section (other than subsection (c)(2)(A)) \$20,000,000, of which—

“(A) not more than 2.5 percent shall be used to carry out the activities of the Task Force; and

“(B) not more than 2.5 percent shall be used to carry out subsection (c)(2)(B).

“(2) SAFE MANAGEMENT AND STORAGE.—In addition to the amount authorized to be appropriated under paragraph (1), there is authorized to be appropriated to carry out sub-

section (c)(2)(A) \$1,000,000 for each fiscal year.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1001 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. prec. 6901) is amended by adding at the end of the items relating to subtitle C the following:

“Sec. 3024. Mercury.”.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2002

Mr. REID. If there is no further business to come before the Senate today, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:35 p.m., adjourned until Monday, September 9, 2002, at 12 noon.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 5, 2002:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DAVID N. GREENLEE, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF BOLIVIA.

ROBIN RENEE SANDERS, OF NEW YORK, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF CONGO.

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

ANNE B. POPE, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE FEDERAL COCHAIRMAN OF THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION, VICE JESSE L. WHITE, RESIGNED.

RICHARD J. PELTZ, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE ALTERNATIVE FEDERAL COCHAIRMAN OF THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION, VICE ELLA WONG-RUSINKO, RESIGNED.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate September 5, 2002:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

PAMELA F. OLSON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.